

THE ANTI-SLAVERY BUGLE.

A NEW SCHEME.

The slaveholders are determined at all hazards, to be rid of the free negroes, and their geniustaxes themselves very severely to do it at the expense of the hated and the banished, or at least at the expense of somebody else than themselves. The Colonization Society was a crafty and well laid device, to saddle the expense of their banishment upon the gulls of the North, first, through their benevolence as an emancipation and a missionary scheme, and second by an appeal to their prejudices, as a means of getting rid of the "niggers." Sundry other means have been also adopted, such as selling a part of the number to pay for the transportation of the rest, and other like christian schemes. But unfortunately for southern genius, as yet they have all proved quite inadequate to the task assigned them and the "dangerous element"—the hated, despised class—a prey everywhere to jeers, slander, lawless persecution, lawful kidnapping, christian banishment and colonization—in spite of all these they are here yet, and more numerous than ever before and more hated and more plotted against than ever.

Well something evidently must be done and the Tribune reports that the Richmond Examiner has come to the rescue with a new plot here is its account of it.

Mr. Greely turns the enemy's artifice upon himself, very handsomely at the last.

The Richmond Examiner has a scheme for the removal of the free negroes from Virginia to Liberia elsewhere, which bids fair to be successful, if the injustice and barbarism of the Old Dominion are equal to its enforcement. The writer suggests that the free negroes between the ages of fifteen and twenty-one, be taxed five dollars per head per annum, and those above twenty-one, at the rate of ten dollars—of course in addition to any property tax which they are now subject. He estimates that there are now 54,000 free negroes in Virginia, of whom 41,250 are of the taxable age above specified. Of those, 10,312 he supposes to be under twenty-one years old, and at five dollars per head they would raise a revenue of \$51,560. The remaining 40,688 at ten dollars per head, would produce an annual income of \$106,380, which sum added to the foregoing, gives an aggregate of \$366,940 for the first year. The sum together with an amount in the State Treasury already appropriated to the object, would remove about 10,000 negroes somewhere to Liberia. Every failure to pay the tax is to be followed by the sale of the negro in a Biased time until he works out the tax, at wages ranging from ten to twenty-five cents per day. The writer frankly says that he is not actuated so much by any love he has for the negro race, as by regard for the welfare of the whites. No doubt these important State Rights of invidious taxation and sale of the poor, are fully secured by the resolutions of '38 and '39.

But the foregoing philanthropic scheme for "getting rid of the free negroes," has its uses, since it is suggestive of one equally feasible for another end. Why cannot the people of Virginia apply the same principle of taxation to the removal of slavery? Slavery is an evil—a nuisance, and is therefore a legitimate subject of taxation as such. There would be no cruelty or injustice in taxing the owners of slaves with a view to raise revenue for the removal of the slaves. But the negroes are not a nuisance, but a burden, and cruel. Free negroes are not a nuisance, though their ignorance and vice doublets are, and to tax them in order to obtain the means of their education and improvement would be very proper.

SHAMEFUL INCONSISTENCY.

James Haughton, a well known Irish abolitionist, has published a letter addressed to Thomas F. Meagher, in which, in reference to Mr. Meagher's professions of Democracy, and yet evident sympathy with slavery, he asks:

"Is it really less the right of the black man than of the white man? If it be so, prove it. Be consistent then, and while you are in a land of slave drivers, sanction not their denial of civil and social rights to the colored people by your silence, or will you become a participant in these wrongs?"

Meagher is associated with John Mitchell in the publication of the new paper, the CITIZEN, in New York. He is now absent, and Mr. Mitchell replies for his colleague and himself.

The whole nation has been moved with sympathy for these two men, because it supposed them the representatives of free principles—the advocates of human liberty. But alas, their professions are only on a par with those of American slaveholding demagogues. They are the friends of *Irish freedom* and *American slavery*. In the following paragraph John Mitchell has written himself down a hypocrite and an unprincipled knave, for nobody can believe him a fool; and the one or the other he must be, who claims freedom for Irishmen as John Mitchel does, and then shamelessly prays in public for a "plantation well stocked with healthy negroes!" The world will execrate his name—and even poor pro-slavery American hypocrites, will blush for his company and forget to give him their sympathy. But to the reply, Mr. Mitchell says in his Citizen:—

"But what *right* has this gentleman to expect Thomas Francis Meagher, or the others whom he has named, to take up his warlike song which they always refused to sing at home? Now, let us try to satisfy our pertinacious friend, if possible, by a little plain English. We are not Abolitionists, no more Abolitionists than Moses, or Socrates, or Jesus Christ. *Be doing that it is a crime, or a wrong, or even a peculiarity, to hold slaves; to buy slaves; to sell slaves; to their work by keeping or otherwise, or by force.*

"By your silence," says Mr. Haughton, "you will become a participant in their wrongs." But we will not be silent when occasion calls for speech; and as for being a participant in the wrongs, we, for our part, will have a good plantation, will surely work hard, in Alabama. There, now—is Mr. Haughton content.

Our own heart thrilled with joy, when we heard of John Mitchell's escape. We hoped that genuine regard for freedom, strengthened by exile and imprisonment, had taught him to sympathize with the bound and imprisoned; and that he had come to America to teach the hearts of Irishmen to beat in sympathy with freedom here. But he has come to be the deadly foe of freedom. To poison the minds of his countrymen and strengthen their already bitter prejudice and unreasonable and suicidal hatred of the slave. We say suicidal, for Irishmen can never enjoy freedom here, while the country is controlled by men in sympathy with John Mitchell, who have the effrontry to boast that it is not even a *peculiar* to hold—slay—sell and flog men women and children. For all that appears in Mr. Mitchell's reply, either in spirit or letter, he would as soon sell and flog an Irishman as an American. We suppose however he would insist that he was talking of *black* slaves. But who would trust a man, or a government composed of men so unprincipled and heartless. Irishmen in Ireland and in America, must rely on true and nobler men than John Mitchell has proved himself to be, or their hopes of true freedom will ever elude them.

We close with a paragraph of the Tribune's comments on the quotation we have given above.

Mr. Mitchell will probably increase the popularity of his paper among the Irish Americans, as that it should be so—by the frankness with which he now for the first time to see the majority of them with Liberty and Democracy on their lips vote to fortify, extend and perpetuate the foulest

and most atrocious tyranny known among men, and while demanding all rights for themselves, clamorously deny the most obvious and essential rights to American-born, whose fathers fought to vindicate and establish American Freedom. But if Liberty for Ireland and the Irish is sought in the *Citizen*, it can hardly be necessary to say that the effort will be fruitless and the hopes of the oppressed and exiled, if their incitement to struggle for Liberty is the horrible desire of buying, selling and lashing each other!

Communications.

LETTER FROM L. A. HINE.

PAINESVILLE, Jan. 12th, 1853.

MR. EDITOR: I have been lecturing most of the time for two months past—having worked away solitary and alone in making a house comfortable to winter, from the first of June till the last of November. I have also done something in getting out some fruit.

I am lecturing on Land Reform, Education, Lyceum Schools, Woman's Rights, a truer system of Moral Philosophy, Language Reform, before Literary Societies, &c. I find a steady and even a rapid improvement in the public sentiment, and have abundant reason for hope and encouragement.

Indeed the harvest is ripe but the laborers are few.

Young men of talent, learning and moral excellence,

with proper democratic feelings and manners, could find abundant support in the lecturing field, if they have more love of truth than money and what is miscalled ease and gentility.

There is no place in which so large a freedom can be enjoyed—none so favorable to mental growth—none so satisfactory to high manhood and self-respect, as the field of universal reform.

In the evangelical ministry a young man or woman is "cribbed, cabined and confined;" but in the gospel of radical truth he can think, write and speak what he pleases, and still find troope of friends besides enough of the "material aid."

It is not expected that he can make a preacher's or a schoolmaster's salary; but he can live, and with proper economy will incur no risk of starving either himself or a family. The only difficulty with a married man is from those who have the first claim on his attention.

The greatest obstacle I encounter in getting up meetings is the malice of the church—especially the Methodists. They have been warned against me by the Christian Advocate, of Cincinnati, and it is folly to even hint to any of the deacons that a Methodist church is desired for a lecture on common school education. Their principle seems to be to co-operate with no outspoken heretic in any enterprise for the benefit of the church—especially the Methodists.

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New York is proposing reprisals upon Pennsylvania. A bill has been introduced into her Legislature forbidding the construction of any railroad in the State leading to the city of Erie, until Pennsylvania shall pass a law authorizing an uninterrupted line of railroad to be laid down from the Ohio to the New York line, of a uniform gauge of four feet ten inches. The operation of the bill is made dependent upon the Pennsylvania Legislature.

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